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LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian labourers are being duped by travelling agents and sent to Gulf countries with illegal documents;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cases registered against such agents, State-wise;

(a) whether the Governments have set up a cell to scrutinise the travel papers of unskilled labourers before they board their flights in order to avoid the misery the labourers have to undergo on the foreign soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Sporadic complaints alleging adoption of various malpractices by the recruiting agents are received from time to time. Since January 2002, two cases of forgery of travel documents, i.e. employment visas and Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) stamps of Protector of Emigrants came to the notice of Protector of Emigrants, Delhi. These have been referred to the Police Authorities for appropriate action.

(c) to (e): The travel papers of unskilled workers are checked and cleared by the concerned Protector of Emigrants (POE). POE`s are also authorised to conduct inspections at Airports to check whether travel documents of the person going abroad including unskilled labour are in order. Immigration Check Posts at all international Airports are also vigilant in this matter.